



ELYRIA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for fostering learning environments at home.

As we near the end of the school year and look to brighter days ahead, we want to update you on the progress of your new schools: Hamilton Elementary and Eastern Heights Campus.

Construction is continuing at a steady pace on the new Hamilton building. We look forward to a fall opening.

Likewise, Eastern Heights Campus is underway and on track to open as scheduled in fall of 2021.

The new Hamilton Elementary will serve preschool through fourth grade. Students entering fifth grade in the fall will attend middle school.

Because the current Eastern Heights Middle School is fully enrolled, students from existing Franklin Elementary School who are entering fifth grade in the fall will attend Westwood Middle School for one year—the 2020-2021 school year—as the new Eastern Heights Campus is built.

Westwood has ample space to accommodate a fifth-grade wing for students, and a devoted teaching and AMPs staff ready to welcome them for a transitional year at Westwood.

All fifth grade students will receive transportation to and from Westwood Middle School next year. Westwood's school day begins at 7:25 a.m. and ends at 2:15 p.m.

Before students return to school next fall we will provide opportunities for fifth grade students to tour Westwood, see the dedicated learning spaces and meet the teachers and staff.

Transitions are difficult at any age and we regret the timing of the construction project, which forces an added layer of change in your student's life. We will take every step to ease the process and set them up for success.

We will continue to provide you with updates as we near the new school year, but please contact us in the meantime with any questions or concerns.

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Sincerely,

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